



UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

ARRESTS IN ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE CASE

FOUR SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 19, 2012

The identity of the fourth suspect in this case that was taken into custody is Devin Thomas Kelley, age 24. He was arrested for 245 PC, assault with a deadly weapon, and 3056 PC, violation of parole.

This investigation is still ongoing and at this time mug shots of the four suspects are not being released. Citing concern for their safety, the family of the hospitalized victim has requested that his name not be released. Likewise, the second victim has also requested that his name not be released.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 17, 2012

The identities of three of the suspects in this case are Eddie Jonathan Mesa Jr., age 23, Sean Michael Crane, age 23, and Michael Joseph Hardy, age 22. Mesa was arrested for 32 PC, accessory to attempted murder. Crane was arrested for 664 / 187 PC, attempted murder. Hardy was arrested for 245 PC, assault with a deadly weapon, and 3056 PC, violation of parole. All three suspects are scheduled to be arraigned today in Santa Barbara Superior Court.

This investigation is still ongoing. At this time mug shots of these three suspects are not being released, nor is the identity of the fourth suspect that was taken into custody.

SANTA BARBARA, CA – April 16, 2012

Santa Barbara Police Detectives have additional information concerning this past weekend's stabbing investigation. On Friday, April 13th, at 11:56 p.m., police dispatch received calls of a fight outside of the residence at 1037 Del Mar Avenue. Witnesses directed the first responding officer to a badly injured man with severe stab wounds. This officer provided emergency first aid until Fire Rescue and paramedics arrived. This victim, a male age 40, was admitted to Cottage Hospital in extremely critical condition. A second victim, a male age 23 also received stab wounds: he was treated and released from Cottage Hospital. Additional officers responded and determined this scenario: The two male victims were attending a party at the residence when they became involved in an argument with several other men. A fight ensued outside the residence. In the process, the two men were both stabbed multiple times. The suspects fled the area before police arrived.

Witnesses helped police identify the suspects. Detectives responded and began the process of canvassing the neighborhood, locating evidence, and tracking down the suspects. Detectives obtained enough information to obtain arrest and search warrants. Teams of detectives conducted searches at several Santa Barbara area locations. Four arrests have been made in this case: a male age 22, two males age 23, and one male age 24. They are all in custody. Their names are being withheld at this time pending further investigation.

Detectives have been in contact with the victim's family. Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact Detective Katsapis at 805-897-2335.

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